

the latest revision (Rome, 1928) of the convention for the protection of literary and artistic works, on which the International Copyright Union rests. All the important nations, except China, Russia, and the United States, are members of this union (established at Berne in 1887). Compliance with the copyright laws of any union country carries automatic protection throughout the union. The United States is barred, chiefly because of its manufacturing clause. One who writes in English, whether American or British, must as a result publish twice if he is to have legal protection on both sides of the water.

Consequently, if the President would send the Rome convention to the Senate and it were ratified, the problem would be solved. There is ample precedent for such a course, since both the Pan American copyright convention of 1910 (proclaimed July 13, 1914) and the industrial union (i. e., patents) convention of 1883 (proclaimed June 11, 1887) were so handled. To be sure, good faith would suggest attendant amendatory legislation. Such an amending bill, short and simple, has already been introduced, in the last session of Congress, and referred to committees. This bill is S. 1928, or H. R. 5853.

Organizations and interested individuals would do well to write the Secretary of State urging this action on the part of the administration. Submission of the Rome convention and endorsement of S. 1928 would probably insure admission to the union and this would at once clear the Nation's good name, improve international relations, and be a boon to authorship. An American writer would then get world-wide protection by mere act of creation, and all piracy of foreign publications would be outlawed.

Upon motion this matter was referred to a committee of three, consisting of William E. Lingelbach, Charles Warren, and Conyers Read, with power to act.

Election of treasurer.—The issues involved were discussed informally before the council. Attention was drawn to a petition, properly executed and addressed to the secretary of the Association, calling for the insertion of the name of Constantine E. McGuire on the official ballot in the place provided for nomination by petition.

The executive secretary was instructed to have new ballots prepared for the purpose.¹

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

PROGRAM OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN URBANA, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 27-29, 1933

A running account of this meeting appears in *The American Historical Review* for April 1934, pp. 423 ff.

The papers read on that occasion which have since been published or for which publishing arrangements have been completed are listed below:

Presidential address: Charles A. Beard, "Written History an Act of Faith", in *The American Historical Review*, January 1934, pp. 219 ff.

John D. Barnhart, "Sources of the Southern Migration Into the Old Northwest", in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, June 1935, pp. 49 ff.

J. A. O. Larsen, "The Provincial Assemblies Under the Late Roman Empire", in *Classical Philology*, July 1934, pp. 209 ff.

George Vernadsky, "L'industrie russe sous Pierre le Grand", in *Le Monde Slave*, November 1934, pp. 283 ff.

R. M. Tryon, "The Place of History in a Program of Integration", in *The Elementary School Journal*, May 1934, pp. 667 ff.

Duane Squires, "British Propaganda at Home and in the United States, 1914-1917", published in greatly expanded form under the same title by the Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., in 1935.

Paul Knaplund, "Gladstone's Foreign Policy", incorporated in his book of the same title, published by Harper & Bros. of New York in 1935.

Julius W. Pratt, "The Business Man's Attitude Toward the Spanish-American War and Overseas Expansion", in *The Hispanic American Historical Review*, May 1934, pp. 163 ff.

¹ See pp. 23 and 46

Philip Davidson, "The Southern Back Country on the Eve of the Revolution", in A. O. Craven ed., *Essays in Honor of William E. Dodd: By His Former Students at the University of Chicago*, University of Chicago Press, 1935.

John D. Hicks, "The Development of Civilization in the Middle West, 1865-1900", in D. R. Fox, ed., *Sources of Western Culture*, Appleton-Century Co., New York, 1934.

Ralph H. Lutz, "European Dictators and Dictatorships", in G. S. Ford, ed., *Dictatorship in the Modern World*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 1935.

J. Fred Rippey, "Dictatorships in Hispanic America", in G. S. Ford, ed., *Dictatorship in the Modern World*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 1935.

Max Lerner, "The Pattern of Dictatorship", in *The Yale Review*, Winter 1935 issue, pp. 293 ff. Also published in G. S. Ford, ed., *Dictatorship in the Modern World*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 1935.

Milo M. Quaife, "The Myth of the Kensington Rune Stone", in *The New England Quarterly*, December 1934, pp. 613 ff.

R. B. Morris, "The Sources of Early American Law: Colonial Period", in *The West Virginia Law Quarterly*, April 1934, pp. 212 ff.

A. R. Newsome, "Unprinted Public Archives of the Post-Colonial Period: Their Availability", in *The American Historical Review*, July 1934, pp. 682 ff.

Lillian E. Fisher, "Manuel Abad y Queipo, Bishop of Michoacán", in *The Hispanic American Historical Review*, November 1935, pp. 425 ff. To be published in expanded book form in due course.

Philip E. Mosely, "Russian Rivalry with Great Britain in Turkey, 1838-1839", published in greatly expanded form as *Russian Diplomacy and the Opening of the Eastern Crisis in 1839* by the Harvard University Press of Cambridge in 1934.

Harold Lasswell, "The Influence of Prosperity and Depression Upon Social Thought", incorporated in Chapter VII of his *World Politics and Personal Insecurity*, published by McGraw-Hill, New York, 1935.

Harry J. Carman, "The Reputation of Middle Western American Agriculture in England, 1850-1870", in *Agricultural History*, January 1934, pp. 3 ff.

John U. Nef, "The Place of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries in the Rise of Industrialism" will be published in revised form in *The Journal of Political Economy* for June and August 1936.

A. O. Craven, "The Settling of the Middle West", in D. R. Fox, ed., *Sources of Western Culture*, Appleton-Century Co., New York, 1934.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT THE WOMAN'S BUILDING, THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, ON DECEMBER 29, 1933

Dr. Charles A. Beard called the annual meeting to order at 1:30 p. m., on Friday, December 29, 1933. The report of the secretary was read and approved.¹ The report of the Treasurer was distributed² and some significant parts of it read by the treasurer. Upon motion by S. F. Bemis from the floor a vote of thanks was passed for the services of the secretary and the treasurer.

Upon recommendation by the council of the Association the following amendment to the constitution was presented for action by the annual meeting:

Article VII is hereby amended by striking out the following words:

"No investments of any of the permanent funds of the Association shall be made or changed except with the advice and consent of a majority of the trustees. The liability of the individual members of the board shall be limited to good faith in the discharge of the duties resting upon them.

and by inserting in place thereof the following:

The board of trustees, acting by a majority thereof, shall have the power to invest and reinvest the permanent funds of the Association, with authority

¹ See pp. 23 ff.

² See pp. 26 ff.